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## CONGRESS MAY PAY FOR CHURCH

Bishop Van de Vyver  
Asks Thirty Thousand.

## SENATOR MARTIN TO OFFER BILL

Provides Compensation for De-  
struction of Catholic Church  
on Reservation.

## WILL PROBABLY BE OTHER SIMILAR CASES

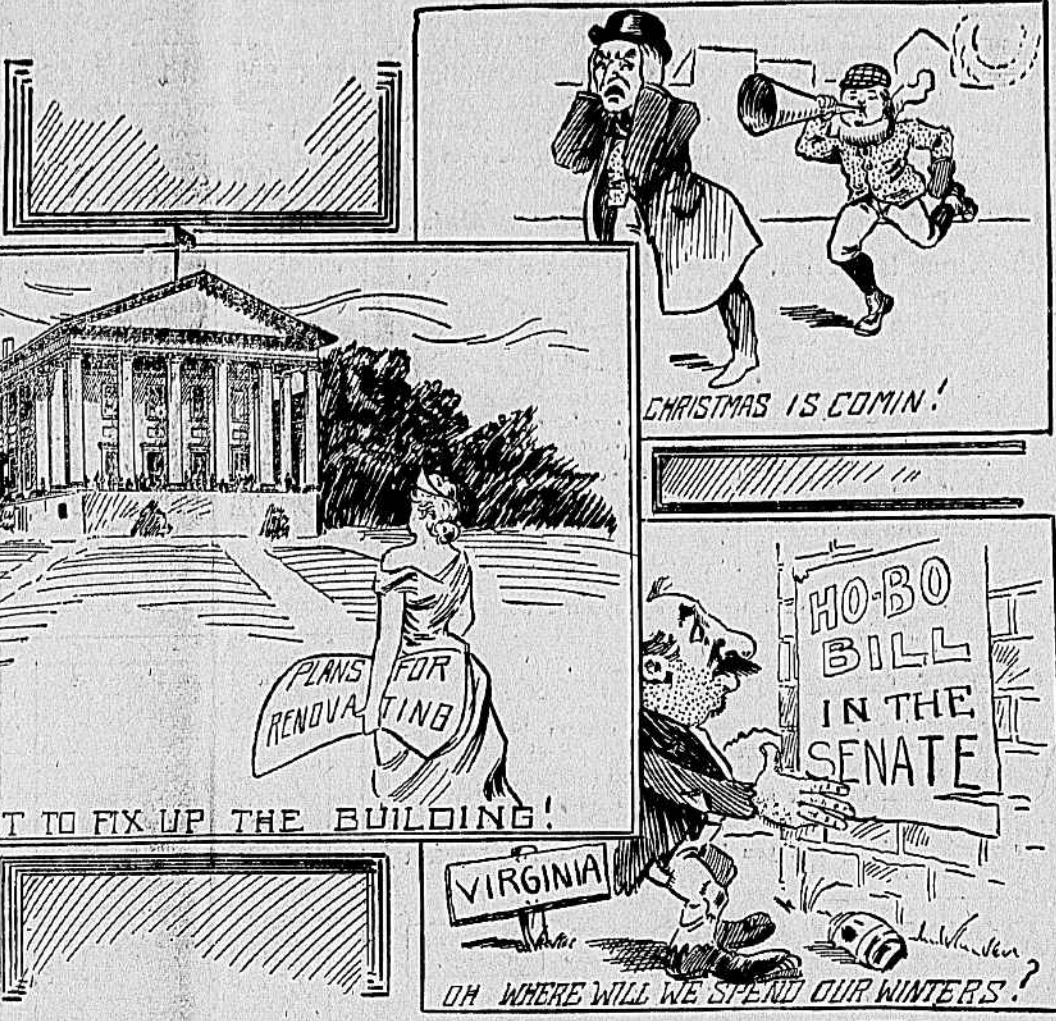
But It Will be Hard to Get the  
Bills Through Congress—Start-  
ling Number of Desertions  
From Navy and the Sec-  
retary Can Suggest  
No Remedy.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 12.—  
The demolition and removal of the Hygeia  
Hotel and other buildings from the govern-  
ment reservation at Old Point last  
year will probably be the subject of several  
bills which the Virginia senators and  
Representative Maynard, of the Second  
District, will be asked to introduce. Senator  
Martin has been requested by Bishop  
A. Van de Vyver, of the Virginia Diocese,  
to introduce a bill compensating him or  
his successor for the destruction of the  
Catholic Church on the reservation, re-  
moved last summer by order of the Sec-  
retary of War. The bill is for the cost of  
the new church, which was thirty thou-  
sand dollars. The contract for the new  
building was placed on the reservation,  
placed on the reservation, also, on a site  
selected by representatives of the War  
Department.

**Difficult of Passage.**  
There will be difficulty in securing the  
passage of the bill, or any other which  
seeks to recompense owners of property  
on the reservation which was removed  
when the War Department began exten-  
sive changes and improvements some  
months ago. The trouble is, that at build-  
ings placed on the reservation at Old  
Point are erected with the understanding  
that they are to be removed at any  
time the authorities may see fit to  
order their removal. The contract for the  
new church was placed on the reservation  
with the department to remove the build-  
ings at the cost of the owner, without  
compensation therefor, whenever the  
proper authority may direct. The con-  
tract with the department for the erec-  
tion of the Catholic church was signed  
by Right Rev. John McGill in 1899. Bishop  
McGill was at that time the head of the  
Diocese of Richmond.

**Desertions From Navy.**  
The Times-Dispatch has in the course  
of the past few months published a num-  
ber of stories regarding the large num-  
ber of desertions of seamen from vessels  
in Newport News and Norfolk harbors,  
and stories also of "crimping" and shank-  
ing in those ports. The Secretary of the  
Navy in his recent annual report alludes  
to the unprecedented large number of de-  
sertions from American vessels of war  
and says frankly that he does not know  
how to account for it and can suggest no  
remedy. United States Consul D. Mayer,  
at the port of Buenos Ayres, in a report  
made public to-day by the Department of  
Commerce and Labor, discusses the  
subject in an interesting and shows  
with apparent clearness the cause of such  
a large number of desertions. The report  
is in part as follows, and will be read  
with interest by all ship owners, and  
sailors, as well as by the authorities of  
Virginia seaport cities, to whom deserters,  
and the practices of landmen as shown  
by Consul Mayer are sources of con-  
stant trouble:

"I attribute the unusual number of de-  
sertions to the law of December 21, 1893,  
which reads:  
"Every seaman on a vessel of the  
United States shall be entitled to receive  
from the master of the vessel to which  
he belongs one-half part of the wages  
which shall be due him at every port  
where such vessel, after the voyage has  
commenced, shall load or deliver cargo  
before the voyage is ended, UNLESS  
THE CONTRACT, BY EXPRESSLY  
STIPULATED IN THE CONTRACT."  
In the opinion of the consul, which is  
based upon observation, if the words  
in capitals were not in the contract, de-  
sertions would not be so numerous, for  
the following reasons:  
"Most of the American vessels coming  
to this port sail from Boston, Mass.  
There the shipping articles are signed by  
the seamen before the United States ship-  
ping commissioner. On the front page  
of said articles, toward the bottom of  
the page, I find in almost all shipping  
contracts the following words stamped:  
"No money to be advanced during the  
voyage. As a rule, it takes from sixty  
to seventy days for vessels to reach this  
port. The seamen, once the vessel is in  
port, will ask permission from the mas-  
ter of the vessel to go ashore, which  
permission is granted for twelve hours.  
He will ask for some money, which is  
(Continued on Seventh Page.)



## THE PICTORIAL PRESENTATION OF CURRENT EVENTS.

## ACQUITTAL OF BRAUER

The Last of the Henrico Cases  
Disposed of by Magistrates  
Yesterday.

## M'DONNELL ALSO GOES FREE

The Result an Endorsement of  
the Position Assumed by the  
State Committee.

Before the courts of Henrico yester-  
day Treasurer William H. Brauer was  
declared innocent of the charge under  
which the Democratic Committee of the  
county denied to him the party nomina-  
tion for the office of treasurer.  
So far as can be ascertained, the ac-  
tion of the court, which was made up  
of three magistrates—Messrs. Woodson,  
Thomas and Lewis—was not unanimous.  
One of the trial judges made a statement  
to this effect shortly after the verdict  
was announced: "Later in the day this  
same officer exhibited the warrant sign-  
ed by all three and now said that the  
court was unanimous."  
It is believed that there was a differ-  
ence, and it was generally supposed  
in the room that the dissenting magis-  
trate was Mr. Lewis of Tuckahoe.

**Hard on Committee.**  
The acquittal of Mr. Brauer is a dis-  
tinct blow to the County Committee, and  
a virtual implied endorsement of the po-  
sition assumed by the State Committee  
in the recent Henrico political distur-  
bances. The court, after a review of the  
evidence, declared the treasurer innocent,  
but he had no redress. The County Com-  
mittee held him guilty and its action  
resulted in the stir-up that resulted in  
putting Brauer out and Todd in. It is  
a State Committee victory, and a County  
Committee defeat. Several hours and  
was of very great interest. The wonder-  
ful witness, L. D. Green, appeared again  
and proved as wonderful as ever. He  
told how Brauer bought his influence  
for \$10, and later gave him \$2, of which  
he used a part at Bell's store, keeping the  
remainder for himself. Green was  
intractable at times, and grew particu-  
larly stubborn when the defense tried  
to suggest that he had been offered \$10  
to appear and testify that Brauer paid  
him money.  
The defense showed that the \$10 con-  
tract was made before July last when  
the Barksdale law went into effect. It

## KELLEY BILL WILL PASS TO-MORROW

The Appropriation for the Vir-  
ginia Building at St.  
Louis.

The House yesterday engrossed the bill  
offered by Hon. S. L. Kelley, of this city,  
appropriating \$10,000 for a Virginia build-  
ing at the St. Louis Exposition next year,  
and it will almost certainly pass the  
House and go to the Senate to-morrow.  
The bill was so amended, on motion of  
Mr. Huerfano, as to require it to be  
open for the convenience at all times of  
Virginia visitors and their friends, though  
the member failed in his efforts to  
further amend so as to require that the  
building be a modern one. The House  
because it was the wish of a majority of  
the members that the original idea of  
the commission, to reproduce Monticello,  
should be adhered to. There are strong  
indications that the bill will pass the  
Senate and become law.

## OVER HILL; DOWN DALE

Deep Run Hunt Club Goes at a  
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"Twere better to halt than to ponder."  
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his hands, but when time came for distribu-  
tion, the money was absent. He was  
committed to jail, where he remained  
until tired of incarceration, he pro-  
duced the money and settled the claims  
against him.

## THEY GOT NO FUNDS BUT A LOT OF ADVICE

Vanderbilt's Idea of Churches,  
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## MONTICELLO IN ST. LOUIS

House of Delegates Not in Favor  
of Erecting a Modern  
Building There.

## ANDERSON BILL GOES BACK

It Was Recommended to the In-  
surance Committee With-  
out Question.

Practically the only thing of interest  
done in the Senate was the recommen-  
dation of the bill carrying an appropriation  
of \$100,000 additional for the enlargement  
and improvement of the State Capitol.  
The bill goes to the Finance Committee, and  
an early report is promised.  
Some discussion was precipitated in the  
House when the bill appropriating \$10,000  
to supplement public subscriptions to  
erect a Virginia building at the St. Louis  
Exposition. Mr. Kelley advocated the bill,  
and Mr. Heerman sought to amend it so  
as to provide that the building should be  
of modern construction and arranged for  
the comfort and convenience of Virginia  
visitors and their friends.  
Mr. Wallace, of Richmond, advocated  
the amendment, which criticized the  
movement to reproduce Monticello, ar-  
guing the people of the State for their  
loyalty to the past and their tendency to  
reproduce the past. He charged that the  
State was not progressive, and was being  
criticized elsewhere for living in the past.  
Others advocated the reproduction plan,  
however, and it prevailed, despite Mr.  
Wallace's criticism. The bill was engrossed,  
and will pass the House on Monday.  
The coming feature of the Senate ses-  
sion yesterday was the presentation on  
the part of the members of the Senate  
of a handsome solid silver berry bowl to  
Senator George B. Kezwell, of Rocking-  
ham, and his bride. Senator Kezwell was  
in his seat, but Mrs. Kezwell was not pres-  
ent.

## FISHING BY ELECTRICITY; MAKE MIGHTY CATCHES

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 12.—By  
the use of an electrically controlled troll-  
ing line an unusually large number of  
fish were caught yesterday. The  
Assistant City Electrician Horace  
Turner proposes to catch codfish in  
quantities large enough to supply all  
nearby markets.

## SHE WANTS FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

Woman Claims Her Husband  
Was Killed by Falling Down  
Millionaire's Steps.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—In the Supreme  
Court Justice Clarke placed on the short  
case calendar, to be called this month, a  
\$50,000 damage suit against Russell Sage.  
According to the complaint, Mrs.  
Bridget Kane, her husband, Jeremiah,  
and her two sons, occupied the basement  
of a house at No. 1263 Park Avenue,  
which is owned by Mr. Sage. When Mr.  
Kane returned home in September 18th  
last he tripped on the top step and fell  
to the basement. He received injuries  
from which he died a short time later.  
It is contended by Mrs. Kane that the  
top step was out of order, and that al-  
though Mr. Sage's agent knew of its  
condition, he neglected to have it re-  
paired, and therefore Mr. Sage is respon-  
sible for the death of Kane.  
In his answer Mr. Sage admits the  
ownership of the house, and that the  
Kanes did live there, and that Mr. Kane  
did fall down the steps. He denies that  
the steps were out of repair and says  
the fall was the result of Mr. Kane's  
carelessness.

## LONGEST SESSION CLOSING

Present Legislature Ex-  
tends Into Three Years.

## IT MAY STRETCH INTO FOURTH YEAR

Quantity of Work Must be Com-  
piled Before Adjourn-  
ment.

## IMPORTANT MEASURES NOW ON THE CALENDAR

The Bill to Break the Baylor  
Survey Will Occupy Several  
Days—Insurance Law Long  
and Interesting Docu-  
ment—Many Other Mat-  
ters to Come Up.

The longest session of the General As-  
sembly of Virginia in more than thirty  
years, and one of the busiest is now  
drawing to a close. No other Legisla-  
ture's life has extended into three cal-  
endar years, as has the one originally  
known as the General Assembly of 1901-  
1902, and as it must now be known, that  
of 1901-2-3.

Five sessions of the Assembly have  
been held since the body convened for  
the first time December 4, 1901. These  
sessions covering a period of 302 days,  
including Sunday and one Christmas  
recess, but exclusive of all other recesses.  
This is equivalent to almost a year's pay  
at a regular per diem, exclusive of  
about \$5,200 expended by the joint revision  
committee, and nearly \$5,000 expended  
to defray the expenses of the joint com-  
mittee on the cyber question and numer-  
ous other smaller expenditures. The  
cost of printing, too, has been unusually  
heavy. Estimating the item of per diem  
of members and pay of employees at a  
day a few cents, the cost of the ses-  
sions has been about \$130,000, and it will  
probably come nearer \$200,000. To this  
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The present session began December 4,  
1901, under the old, or Underwood, Con-  
stitution, and while the Constitutional  
Convention was then sitting. Owing to  
the situation of the new, and the ex-  
istence of the old, the General Assembly  
adjourned December 20, 1901, until Feb-  
ruary 19, 1902, by which time it was hoped  
the Constitutional Convention might have  
concluded its labors. The Convention  
work not being concluded, however, the  
body gave place to the General Assembly  
and secured leased quarters for itself.  
The Assembly sat from February 19, 1902,  
until April 2, 1902, and then adjourned.  
On the 15th day of July the General As-  
sembly was convened by the Constitu-  
tional Convention, and the executive call  
for the purpose of giving political recog-  
nition to the new, and the recently pro-  
claimed organic law of the State. It  
was at this brief session, continuing until  
July 23rd, that the members of the Leg-  
islature were sworn to support the new  
Constitution.

The convention when it adjourned final-  
ly recognized that a vast volume of leg-  
islation had been made imperative by  
the proclamation of the new organic law,  
which was in the nature of a revolution  
of the State government, convened the  
General Assembly in November of that  
year with authority to make such legisla-  
tion as might be necessary within the limita-  
tion upon the life of the Assembly. Under  
this authority, and with this duty and re-  
sponsibility, the Assembly was convened  
December 4, 1901, and has since that  
time been sitting. Then being convinced that  
the vast volume of essential work in the  
matter of code revision and conformation  
of the statutes to the new Constitution,  
could not be accomplished by the State  
reduced thereby, a joint committee  
on revision of the statutes were consti-  
tuted with authority to sit during the re-  
cess and recommend such legislation as  
might be necessary, and generally revise the  
code. The Assembly thereupon adjourned  
until November 10th.

The body reconvened then, and has  
been sitting ever since with the almost ab-  
solute certainty that the session will con-  
tinue until December 23d, even if it be  
not necessary to return after the Chris-  
mas recess and work up to the limit of  
the January 1, 1904, if that be the  
case, the Assembly will have extended  
into the fourth calendar year. The es-  
timates of expenses above submitted are  
based upon the assumption that the ses-  
sion will adjourn sine die about  
December 23, 1903.

## VOLUME OF BUSINESS.

With but nine working days left be-  
fore December 23d, when the Assembly  
will certainly take a recess, if it does not  
adjourn without day, there is yet to be  
enacted a rather formidable volume of  
important and much of it imperative busi-  
ness. On the Senate calendar now are  
the insurance bill, a long and important  
measure which will provoke considerable  
debate. This is a bill covering ninety-  
eight pages, and will require two days.  
The Jordan bill to break the Baylor sur-  
vey, set as a special order for  
next Tuesday, and which will certainly  
consume the greater part of two days, if  
the Senate does not continue longer. In  
the Senate committee is the very impor-  
tant bill in relation to the right of en-  
franchisement, which will require con-  
siderable time. This will in all proba-  
bility occupy two or three days more of  
the Senate's time. Then there is the  
long and very important bill relating to  
public service corporations, covering nine-  
ty-nine pages, and being perhaps the  
most important single bill of the session.  
This has passed the House, but has not  
yet reached the Senate. Then the house  
bill in relation to the powers and duties  
of county officers, boards of supervisors,  
etc., yet to pass both houses.  
Besides all these the Senate has a  
few of the Senate code revision bills to  
dispose of.  
After all of these have been disposed of  
the Senate must consider a number of  
other House bills, and then the matter  
among these are House bill 209, fifteen  
pages in length, and relating to the  
election of State, county, district and city  
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